



Is Anyone Listening...?

Baby Announcement

We thought it would be appropriate to share a bit of good news from our team. Jason has finally arrived at fatherhood! The title suits him well and the baby and mother are doing great.



Sophia Wong
Born: August 10, 2019
8 LBs 7 oz

In the first cut of this commentary we had just started the month and suddenly, the market started to listen. Our commentary early this week was as follows:

“There is something happening out there and few are listening. It’s weird really or maybe it is just reflective of the confusing times we have come upon. Currently, the world’s central banks are doing about everything they can to extend the economic cycle. Some have even ventured to suggest that the economy does not exist anymore, and we can print our way out of most economic hardships. The political landscape is also starting to escalate again and will likely become great theatre in the coming months as Trump takes on all comers. Maybe if we can, we will go one step beyond.”

Well, it only took a few data points and the DOW has sold off about 1000 points since the start of the month.

One general bright spot in our modelled holdings is Bridging Mid-Market Debt Fund. This fund is not for everyone, but it is worth considering if we don't own it for you. It is positioned as an all-weather holding with a steady stream of return. Here is how it has been holding up:

Monthly Performance Profile

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2019 | 0.69% | 0.69% | 0.67% | 0.60% | 0.61% | 0.64% | 0.60% | 0.70% | | | | | 5.31% |
| 2018 | 0.72% | 0.70% | 0.75% | 0.78% | 0.70% | 0.72% | 0.70% | 0.74% | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.81% | 0.77% | 9.15% |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.79% | 0.74% | 1.54% |

Unit Price and Return



Source: Bridging Finance, Wiman Wong Wealth Management – For full disclosure, please [click here](#) for the Fund Fact Sheet

Deal or No Deal

One would think that Trump needs some sort of trade deal with China for any chance at re-election. Could there or will there be some sort of deal presented in the coming days/weeks/months? WAIT! Stop the presses. The news this morning is or appears that Trump now wants to pick a fight with the EU! Another Tweet for the inbox... Ultimately the market will find its way to natural valuation under its own power or weight. No tweet in the world can stop the human condition of the protection of capital.

Trees Don't Grow to the Sky Forever!

When we look at the macro environment, we have concerns and the random chatter does little to help with our sense of comfort. The chart below shows the DOW has already technically broken its momentum and is in a downtrend (purple line crossing over the green line in chart two). However, the overall index has continued higher. For those looking closely, the DOW is just a hair above the level it was at to start 2018. Suffice it to say the two-year experience in the DOW has been a bumpy one.



Chart Source: Thompson Eikon

What's next?

When we read across the different dispatches it is clear the bulls remain excited about an S&P 500 reaching 10% higher and there are those looking for and calling out a 20% decline. Who's right will be a test of time and patience. The reality is that walk around economics still sees cranes in the sky building condos, unemployment still in decent shape, and the overall effects of Quantitative Easing still has a lot of cash in the system. However, there are also clear signs that global economic slowdown is happening. Whatever happens next is likely not going to happen like 2008. The surprises may come from the credit market where companies have binged on a low-interest rate environment. If this does happen it should be or provide ample warning of the next move. The good news is we have already been moving in a conservative direction and may add more conservation to portfolios as the economy progresses.

Either way, we will keep you posted.

Thank you for reading.



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